

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-5. (Cancelled).
6. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
transmitting a signal having a first level of effective isotropic radiated power by a first wireless electronic device;
reducing a level of effective isotropic radiated power to a second level of effective isotropic radiated power in accordance with a logarithmic function if a response to the signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within a predetermined period of time; and
increasing the level of effective isotropic radiated power to a third level of effective isotropic radiated power in accordance with a non-logarithmic function.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
after reducing of the level of effective isotropic radiated power to the second level of effective isotropic radiated power, increasing a level of effective isotropic radiated power to a fourth level of effective isotropic radiated power if no response to the signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within the predetermined period of time.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the fourth level of effective isotropic radiated power is greater than the second level and less than the first level.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the first wireless electronic device is an access point.
11. (Original) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

increasing a level of effective isotropic radiated power to the third level of effective isotropic radiated power if no response to the signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within the predetermined period of time and after a predetermined number of retries.

12. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

transmitting a signal having a first level of effective isotropic radiated power by a first wireless electronic device;

reducing a level of effective isotropic radiated power to a second level of effective isotropic radiated power if a response to the signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within a predetermined period of time;

increasing a level of effective isotropic radiated power to a third level of effective isotropic radiated power if no response to the signal is received by the first wireless electronic device within the predetermined period of time, wherein a rate of change from the first level of effective isotropic radiated power to the second level of effective isotropic radiated power is greater than a rate of change from the second level of effective isotropic radiated power to the third level of effective isotropic radiated power.

13-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the response to the signal is a beacon from a second wireless electronic device.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the second wireless electronic device is an access point.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the response to the signal is a message from a second wireless electronic device.

20-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a signal from a first wireless electronic device;
determining a power level of the signal;
comparing the power level to determined power levels stored within entries of a conversion table, the conversion table including a plurality of entries associated with determined power levels and a plurality of entries associated with suggested power levels, each suggested power level corresponding to one of the determined power levels; ~~and~~
setting the power level of the signal to a first suggested power level of the suggested power levels corresponding to a first determined power level of the determined power levels if the power level matches the first determined power level; and
maintaining the power level of the signal if the power level fails to match any power level of a first group of the determined power levels.

31. (Cancelled).

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the setting of the power level includes increasing the power level of the signal if the first suggested power level is greater than the first determined power level.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the setting of the power level includes decreasing the power level of the signal if the first suggested power level is less than the first determined power level..

34. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
detecting a beacon from a neighboring access point by an access point~~a device~~;
determining a power level of the beacon; ~~and~~
decreasing a power level for transmission of signals from the ~~device~~access point upon detecting that the power level of the beacon is greater than a predetermined power level threshold; and
periodically transmitting beacons from the access point at a designated power level greater than the power level to enable other neighboring access points to assess channel conditions.

35. (Cancelled).

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 further comprising:
maintaining maximum power levels of received beacons from neighboring access points
including the neighboring access point.

37. (Cancelled).

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~37~~34, wherein the designated power
level is a full power transmission level.